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ATOMIC ENERGY
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IMPACT OF SANCTIONS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. sanctions on transfer of dual use technology had affected the country`s nuclear programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the lifting of sanctions by the U.S. has helped the country to go ahead with its nuclear programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIS OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) The problem of accessibility to dual use technologies existed even before the US sanctions. As a result, intensive R&D in the Units of the Department of Atomic Energy was taken up which helped to develop indigenous technologies and thereby, self reliance. The lifting of US sanctions has therefore not made any substantial difference to the country`s nuclear programme.